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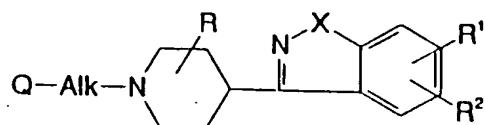
Please amend claim 37 as follows.

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*E 1*

(Amended) A sustained-release microparticle produced by forming an organic phase by dissolving in a solvent a biodegradable and biocompatible polymer and a 1,2-benzazole of the formula

*70470X*



*70470X Z1*

and the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof, and extracting the solvent to form microparticles, wherein

R is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

*Z2*

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, alkyloxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and C alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

X is O or S;

Alk is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkanediyl; and

*Z3*

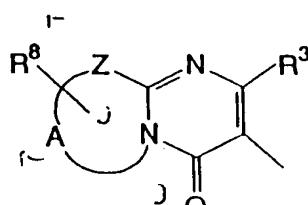
Q is a radical of formula

*70471X Z1*

*Z2*

*Z3*

wherein



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